for providing opportunities for life-long educational opportunities. So far, the literacy programme have covered 597 districts in the country. Though under the literacy programme all sections of the community irrespective of caste, creed and gender are covered, the main focus, however, is on scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, females, minorities and other disadvantaged groups of people. It is estimated that 23% of the beneficiaries of literacy programme belong to scheduled castes.

Increase in the number of students in secondary education

†4160. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding increase in the number of students in secondary schools during the year 2007-08 as a result of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase expected; and

(c) whether adequate infrastructure is available in secondary schools to cope with the increasing number of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) A Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), in their report on "Universalisation of Secondary Education" (June, 2005) has projected an enrolment of 3.48 crore in classes IX-X in 2007-08 based on 100% success of SSA, and an enrolment of 2.80 crore based on 75% success of SSA. The enrolment figure for classes IX and X for the year 2004-05 (as on 30.9.2004) as indicated in the Selected Educational Statistics prepared by this Ministry, was 2.43 crore.

(c) School Education is primarily under the preview of the State Governments and, it is mainly for them to provide adequate infrastructure in secondary schools. Central Government is also committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons, and is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as ICT@ school, Integrated Education for Disabled Children, etc.

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